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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 13th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/47/243), decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 31st and 33rd meetings, on 24 and 27 November 1992, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (A/47/607) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/674).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.3

3. At the 33rd meeting, on 27 November 1992, the representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.3.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.3 without a vote.

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/47/SR.31 and 33).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council, inter alia, decided to establish under its authority a United Nations Operation in Somalia, requested the Secretary-General to deploy military observers to monitor the cease-fire in Mogadishu and agreed, in principle, to the deployment of a United Nations security force under the overall direction of the Secretary-General's Special Representative to provide security and to escort deliveries of humanitarian supplies,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 767 (1992) of 27 July 1992, by which the Council, inter alia, approved the establishment of four operational zones in Somalia as part of the consolidated United Nations Operation in Somalia and Council resolution 775 (1992) of 28 August 1992, by which the Council, inter alia, authorized the increase in the strength of the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Somalia are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Operation in Somalia, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

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1/ A/47/607.

2/ A/47/674.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Operation in Somalia with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to establish firm internal control on all financial transactions, including detailed and up-to-date recording and close monitoring by certifying officers and supervisory staff in accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia in full and on time;

4. Affirms that it is important that the question of the duration of the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia should be resolved as soon as possible;

5. Notes in this context the intention of the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Security Council on the situation in Somalia within the next six months;

6. Decides at this stage to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 42 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 2/ a total amount of 109,652,000 United States dollars gross (107,912,800 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 17,410,000 dollars authorized with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, for the period from 1 May 1992 to 30 April 1993, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for United Nations Operation in Somalia in accordance with paragraph 23 of his report; 1/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 6,953,100 dollars gross (6,741,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1992 and the amount of 102,698,900 dollars gross (101,171,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by

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3/ Ibid., para. 38.

the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 4/

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 211,500 dollars for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1992 and 1,527,700 dollars for the period from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993 approved for the United Nations Operation in Somalia;

9. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Operation in Somalia, if necessary and pending the appropriation by the General Assembly, at a rate not to exceed 14 million dollars gross (13.7 million dollars net) per month for the initial months beginning 1 May 1993, should the Security Council decide to continue the operation beyond 30 April 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period beyond 30 April 1993, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

10. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Operation in Somalia in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

11. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 10 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the United Nations Operation in Somalia are administered under the authority of his Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandates; and further requests the Secretary-General to report on the arrangement made in this regard in the report on the financial performance of the United Nations Operation in Somalia;

4/ Resolution 46/221 A.

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia".